

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

A replacement Formal Drawing for Fig. 4 is provided herewith, which differs from original Fig. 4 by having the lead line from reference numeral “11c” correctly identify its structure.

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

In response to the objection to the drawing, provided herewith is a replacement Formal Drawing for Fig. 4 which correctly extends the lead line from reference numeral "11c".

In response to the objection to the disclosure, paragraphs [0070] and [0113] have been amended. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Claims 33-36, 48-53, 55-60, 62 and 63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Honda et al.; claims 33, 35, 36, 48-53, 55, 57-60, 62 and 63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Berding; claims 34 and 56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Berding; and claims 37-47, 54 and 61 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

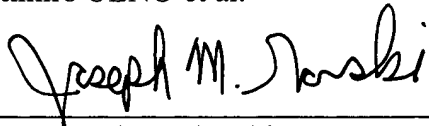
The indication of allowable subject matter is greatly appreciated, and accordingly, by the current amendment claims 37, 41, 44, 54 and 61 have been rewritten in independent form. Additionally, the dependencies of certain claims have been changed so as to prevent these claims from depending from cancelled claims, new claims 64-69 have been added, and claims 33, 35, 36, 55, 62 and 63 have been cancelled.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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